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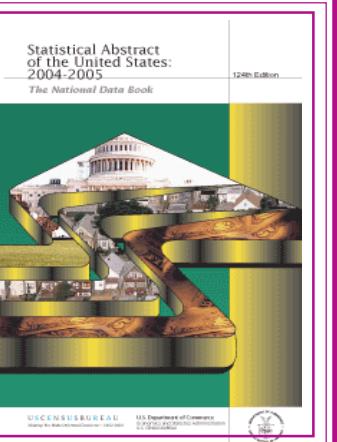
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Soviet Disinformation
Definitions

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- How to Strengthen the NPT

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- Terrorism: Weapons for Sale or Theft?

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- After Iran: Keeping Nuclear Energy Peaceful
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DEMOCRACY & HUMAN RIGHTS

1. THE METAPHORICAL WALL

By Edward F. Harrington. *America*, Vol. 192, No. 2, January 17-24, 2005, pp. 10-13

Harrington, senior federal district court judge in Massachusetts, argues that the metaphorical wall separating church and state, was created to limit governmental powers, not restrict religion's influence in public debates. Harrington discusses the historical roots of religious liberty and posits that the Bill of Rights defines and secures the individual's right to freedom of religion. Harrington says that "the public square needs to hear the voices of a religiously based morality, so that public affairs may be nourished by their ideals of justice and equity."

conference and the impact of television. Presidents in current years have preferred to develop safer ways of dealing with reporters than regularly scheduled press conferences but Kumar believes that press conferences will not disappear entirely. The adversarial nature of a press conference, watching the president stand up to tough questioning, could effectively persuade the viewing public to support difficult decisions.

3. THE CLASH BETWEEN SECURITY AND LIBERTY IN THE U.S. RESPONSE TO TERROR

By Carol W. Lewis. *Public Administration Review*, Vol. 65, No. 1, January/February 2005, pp. 18-30

Lewis, a professor of political science and public administration at the University of Connecticut, studied US public opinion on civil liberties and security in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Public opinion is a critical element in the political and administrative decision-making process. Lewis analyzes shifts in public attitudes and concludes that the public is not readily disposed to restrict civil liberties as the one of security.

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ECONOMIC SECURITY AND TRADE

4. SECOND GENERATION POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGIES: NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND EMERGING ISSUES

By Ruth Driscoll and Alison Evans. *Development Policy Review*, Vol. 23, No. 1, 2005, pp. 5-25

The authors say that there are significant challenges and opportunities confronting countries that are formulating and implementing their second-generation Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS) -- a joint IMF/World Bank approach to poverty reduction through development assistance and debt relief to poor countries. The first generation of PRS, they write, made important progress by contributing to a much stronger focus on poverty inside government, engaging civil society in poverty policy debates, and focusing attention on donor alignment and harmonization.